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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 19 February 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory, Col. White,
Messrs. [] Sheldon, Kirkpatrick, []

Mr. Dulles:

a) Referred to the fact that [] had called him concerning [] trip to Rumania to observe the elections there and asked who was planning to be in touch with [] Mr. Amory stated that the OO/C office would not only be in touch with [], but was also planning to be in touch with [] and his party who are going to Russia to observe the nominations of Praesidium members.

b) Referred to an article appearing in the New York Times stating that the USSR may take steps to curb translation and sale of Russian publications in the United States, and asked Mr. Amory to look into the matter.

c) Stated that he planned to talk to Director Smith of the ICA at the OCB luncheon concerning a recent newspaper leak in which [] of the ICA appeared to be involved. Mr. Wisner commented that [] was presently being transferred from ICA to the Department of State and that it would be his job to direct the 1290-D program which was also being transferred from ICA to the Department of State. Mr. Wisner observed that [] had always been a problem in whatever dealings we had had with him and that he did not appear to be at all sympathetic toward CIA. After some discussion it was generally agreed by all present that the 1290-D program would probably not be handled as well under the State Department as it had been under ICA, and that even under the ICA it had not been pursued nearly as aggressively as it should have been.

d) Commented on a memorandum which [] had prepared for him advocating the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and the Vatican. He noted that he might mention this at an early meeting with either the Secretary of State or Mr. Herter.

e) Observed that General Hull had now been appointed the new Chairman of the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities, vice Dr. Killian, but did not believe that any public announcement had been made of this. He asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to check on this point and to advocate that a public announcement of General Hull's appointment be made.

f) Stated that it had been his observation that too many assistants were attending the IAC meetings. He said that he felt where certain assistants were required because of certain specialties it was perfectly all right for them to attend, however, he believed the matter was getting out of hand and felt that CIA was just as guilty as the other IAC members. He therefore wished to get our own house in order before bringing the matter up at an IAC meeting and asked that the CIA attendance at IAC meetings be held to the essential minimum.

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g) Referred to a letter which had been prepared for his signature to the Secretary of State requesting [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He expressed his willingness to sign and dispatch this letter but first wanted to make sure that it would not create problems insofar as DD/S and DD/P components are concerned. The letter was given to Col. White for his concurrence and then to be coordinated with the DD/P prior to return to DCI's office for dispatch.

h) Inquired as to the status of our publishing program. Mr. Amory reported that the Publishing Board has just been organized and is just now beginning to get underway with Mr. Amory as Chairman. Mr. Amory expressed the hope that he could make a more substantive report on the activities of the Board in a relatively short time.

i) Referred to the South Korean plane which had been kidnapped by the North Korean communists and flown to Pyongyang. He urged that we immediately get out as much publicity as we possibly could concerning the outrageous kidnapping of two American citizens aboard the plane and stated that he planned to take this proposal up at the OCB luncheon that day.

j) Referred to a memorandum prepared by Mr. Amory on the results of a conversation Mr. Amory had had with General Cutler at a recent Planning Board discussion of the revised NSCIDs. He commented that he would speak to General Cutler concerning this matter when Cutler returns to Washington next week.

Mr. Wisner:

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Mr. Amory:

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b) Advised that he had been giving careful study to the problem of producing intelligence in the guided missile field. He has concluded that he must raise the strength of this activity in ORR and OSI by [] people. In an effort not to ask for any additional personnel to accomplish this, he is cutting down on the amount of work being done in the conventional weapons field and transferring analysts into the guided missile activities.

Colonel White:

Announced that the improved CIA Bulletin has thrown an additional workload on the Reproduction people because of the new maps and visual presentation aspects of the Bulletin necessitating the addition of seven people to the Reproduction Staff. He noted that prior to the time the additional persons could be added to the staff, the present personnel had been spending night and day on the job. The Director expressed his appreciation for their devotion to duty and asked Colonel White to prepare appropriate letters for his signature to each of them.

a) Proposed that if the DCI agreed, [] will be assigned to NSC Planning Board matters in addition to his present functions as the DCI's OCB Assistant. DCI approved of this arrangement as long as [] has the time to handle both duties.

b) Noted that he had received a message from [] expressing the hope that there would be few, if any, travelers planning to visit [] during March and April this year inasmuch as during most of this time [] will be away on business from [] proper.

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